Private Airlines Offering Competition to IA in Cargo Business

3121. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the major private airlines in the country are increasingly becoming competitors of IA to handle the air cargo business ;

(b) if so, what according to study, if any, made by Government are the factors responsible for the loss in credibility of the Indian Airlines in handling the cargo business ;

(c) what is the estimated annual loss likely to be suffered by the Indian Airlines as a result thereof ; and

(d) the manner in which Government proposes to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No, Sir. Carriage of Cargo by Air Taxi operators is negligible as compared to cargo carried by Indian Airlines.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

New Airport at Bombay

3122. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was a proposal under Government consideration to set up a new airport at Bombay in addition to the Sahar and Santa Cruz airports ;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal ; and

(c) the steps so far taken in pursuance thereof and whether the scheme has been dropped, if so, the reasons therefor and at what stage ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) International Airports Authority of India (IAAI) had set up a Committee to examine possibilities of constructing a new airport in the event the existing international airport at Bombay gets saturated eventually. The Committee came to the conclusion that construction of a new airport may require an investment of the order of Rs. 8600 crores. Since investment of this order is well beyond the capacity of IAAI no action has been initiated on construction of a new airport. A Task Force has been constituted to make an assesement of the extent to which the infrastructures available at the existing airport can be improved and redesigned to enhance the capability of the airport to handle larger volumes of traffic. The Task Force is also required to submit a reasoned and well documented report of the time-frame by which the airport is likely to reach the saturation point in terms of traffic handling after the facilities are optimised.

Signing of MOU by PSUs

3123. SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state whether the Government has initiated any action against the PSUs who have not signed MOU with the Civil Aviation Ministry ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : The process for signing MOUs with Air-India and Indian Airlines for the year 1993-94 is at an advanced stage. As regards International Airports Authority of India and National Airports Authority, it has been decided that in view of their proposed merger into a single entity, no MOU will be signed with them during the current financial year.

Officers given Extension of Service in ITDC Hotels

3124. SHRI MATANG SING : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the officials working in the I.T.D.C. Hotels who have been granted extension of service during the last two years ; and

(b) what are the details of the guidelines prescribed by Government for giving extensions to officers and whether those guidelines have been violated in granting extension and if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) During the last 2 years, no official of ITDC has been granted extension beyond the age of superannuation.

(b) Does not arise.

Improvement of Airports in Andhra Pradesh

3125. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has any proposal under its consideration to improve any of the airports in Andhra Pradesh ;

(b) the details of airports selected for improvement and upgradation in the Eighth Plan in Andhra Pradesh ;

(c) what are the steps proposed to be taken to improve passenger facilities and flight information service at Hyderabad airport ; and

(d) whether there is any proposal under consideration to expand the waiting area and passenger check in facilities at Hyderabad Airport ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) Hyderabad, Tirupathi and Vijayawada airports have been selected for upgradation in the Eighth Five Year Plan.

(c) and (d) The following are the major facilities being provided at Hyderabad airport :—

(i) Expansion and modification of terminal building and construction of new integrated terminal block at a cost of Rs. 22.90 crores.

(ii) Runway resurfacing at a cost of Rs. 2.66 crores.

(iii) Airport Surveillance Radar and Monopulse Secondary Surveillance Radar at a cost of Rs. 28.15 crores.

(iv) Instrument Landing System at a cost of Rs. 1.6 crores.

(v) Digital Aerodrome Terminal Information System (DATIS) at a cost of Rs. 0.11 crore.

With the extension of the terminal building, waiting area and passenger check-in facilities at Hyderabad airport would also get expanded.

Training of People in the Tourism Industry

3126. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government proposes to set up Institutes to train people to participate in all sections of the tourism industry ;

(b) whether any offer has come from Andhra Pradesh Government to provide facilities for setting up of Institute in Hyderabad ;

(c) whether there is a potential and need for Institute to properly train our young people for careers in the tourism industry ; and

(d) if so, what steps Government is taking to set up training institutes which will meet the demands of tourism industry ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) The Government extends both financial and non-financial help to State Governments for setting up of tourism training institutes.

(b) There is already an Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology at Hyderabad.

(c) and (d) The number of institutions required for development of professional manpower keeps pace with the requirements of the tourism industry ; private training institutions are also meeting the requirements of trained manpower.

राज्य सरकारों के लिए पर्यटन मंत्रालय द्वारा स्वीकृत योजनायें

3127. **श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग** : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पर्यटन मंत्रालय द्वारा राज्य सरकारों के लिए कौन-कौन सी योजनायें स्वीकृत की गई है और इन स्वीकृत योजनाओं के लिए क्या-क्या शर्तें लगाई गई हैं ;

(ख) क्या इन योजनाओं में लगाई कई कतिपय शर्तें ऐसी हैं, जिन्हें पूरा करने में राज्य सरकारों को व्यावहारिक कठिनाइयों का सामना करना पड़ता है और क्या इस संबंध में राज्य सरकारों ने आपत्तियां उठाई हैं;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में केन्द्रीय सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ; और

(घ) यदि राज्य सरकार कतिपय शर्तों को पूरा करने के संबंध में उनके समक्ष पेश आ रही व्यावहारिक कठिनाइयों के बारे में जानकारी प्रदान करती है तो क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार योजना के लिए स्वीकृत धनराशि का सम्पूर्ण भुगतान राज्य सरकार को करेगी ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) पर्यटन सुविधाओं में वृद्धि करने की स्कीमें, जैसे, यात्री निवास, पर्यटक परिसर, पर्यटक गृह, मार्गस्थ सुख-सुविधाएं, पर्यटक स्वागत केन्द्र, जल-पान गृह, रेस्तरां, होटल, तट विहार-स्थल, वन गृह, तम्बुओं में आवास आदि पर्यटन मंत्रालय द्वारा अनुमोदित किए गए हैं । केन्द्र ढांचे के निर्माण के लिए जिसमें आन्तरिक विद्युतिकरण, जल आपूर्ति तथा सैनिटरी फिटिंग शामिल हैं, वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करता है जबकि राज्य सरकारों को विकसित भू-खण्ड उपलब्ध कराना होता है तथा बाद में सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराकर रख-रखाव करना होता है । मंत्रालय प्रचार और रोमांचक खेलों एवं मेलों व उत्सवों के विकास और संवर्धन के लिए भी वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करता है ।